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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
6	<b>Local Element</b>

- Programs "Countywide Asphalt Concrete Fog Seal program (MPO ID: 20026) Project" funded from Regional Surface Transportation (RSTP) program. The amendment programs a total of \$375,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002/03 for rehabilitating roadways in Santa Barbara County. See enclosure.

**Transit Element**

- Combines "Clean Air Express Bus Replacement Project (MPO ID: 0018)" and "Clean Air Express Program Expansion Project (MPO ID: 0019)" funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program into "Clean Air Bus Enhancement Projects". The scope of the combined project includes acquisition of buses (3 replacement, 4 expansion) and provides operating assistance for three years. Per changes proposed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), SBCAG has taken an administrative action (Documentation enclosed) on the board approval of this amendment to split the combined Clean Air Bus Enhancement project into two projects, "Clean Air Express Bus Operating Assistance Project (MPO ID 0018)" and "Clean Air Express Bus Acquisitions Project (MPO ID: 0019)." See enclosure.

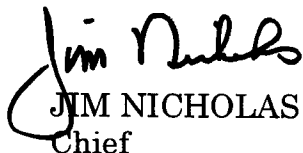
Since SBCAG has certified that these two projects are exempt from the air quality conformity determination and the scope and cost of the originally programmed projects remain unchanged, the State concurs with the changes proposed by FTA. I recommend that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FTA approve this FTIP Amendment No. 6, as subsequently revised administratively by SBCAG, for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are not listed in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SBCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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FTIP Binder (w/original)